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Amendments to the Claims

Please add the following claims to claims 1-21 presently in the Reissue Application.

22. (New) A building access control apparatus for use with a security system that is operably connected to a communication network, the access control apparatus comprising:
an input device;
an electronic communication device adapted to be operably connected to the communication network and to the input device, the electronic communication device comprising a sequential list of entries;
an output device operably connected to the communication device;
an encoder separate from said input device operably connected to the communication device, said encoder being associated with the sequential list and providing an input to the communication device to select an entry of the sequential list for output on the output device; and
a scroll apparatus, connected to the electronic communication device for scrolling through the sequential list from the entry selected by the encoder.

23. (New) An access control apparatus according to claim 22 wherein said input device comprises a plurality of keys.

24. (New) An access control apparatus according to claim 22 wherein said output device comprises a visual display.

25. (New) An access control apparatus according to claim 24 wherein the sequential list comprises an electronic directory of names and codes associated with names, sorted alphabetically.

26. (New) An access control apparatus according to claim 25 wherein said encoder has a plurality of positions, each position corresponding to a particular portion of the alphabet, said visual display displaying at least one entry from said electronic directory corresponding to a portion of the alphabet.

27. (New) An access control apparatus as claimed in claim 22 wherein the communication device comprises a microprocessor.

28. (New) A method for locating a desired name of a building occupant and a code associated with the desired name in an electronic directory of an access control apparatus according to claim 25, the method comprising:

selecting a particular portion of the alphabet with said encoder; and

outputting at least an initial name corresponding to said particular portion of the alphabet on said output device.

29. (New) A method in accordance with claim 28 comprising scrolling through the alphabetical list of names beginning at a name selected by the encoder.

30. (New) An access control apparatus as claimed in claim 25 wherein the sequential list is a circular list.

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31. (New) An access control apparatus as claimed in claim 22 wherein the encoder is a rotary encoder.

32. (New) An access control apparatus as claimed in claim 22 wherein the encoder is a linear encoder.

33. (New) An access control apparatus as claimed in claim 24 wherein the encoder is a linear encoder comprising representations displayed on the visual display and at least one skew switch.

34. (New) An access control apparatus according to claim 22 wherein the sequential list comprises an electronic directory of names and codes associated with the names and comprising a call apparatus responsive to user interaction for calling a telephone associated with a name outputted to the output device.

35. (New) An access control apparatus according to claim 34 wherein the output device comprises a visual display.

36. (New) An access control apparatus according to claim 35 wherein the call apparatus comprises a call button.